A ſafe and eaſy way to obtain free and peaceable Elections, without Impoſition, Noiſe or Charge: Propoſed to Conſideration now the Regulation of Elections is under debate.

THat none, upon Penalty of being made uncapable to be elected, do by himſelf, Friends, or Court-Letters, ſeek to impoſe himſelf upon the Freeholders.

That the Writ being iſſued forth, and broken up by the Sheriff in the County Court, the Freeholder being ſworn, or otherwiſe atteſting his Right to Elect, by having a clear Freehold Eſtate of Forty Shillings *per Annum*, and his Name, and place of abode taken by the Clerk.

Let the Free-Holder put into a Box the Names of the Knights he judgeth moſt meet to ſerve in Parliament, writ in a ſmall Scroll of Paper, roll'd and ſeal'd up; then let the Judges of the Poll with the Sheriff open the Box, ſearch and ſort the Papers, and find who by this Suffrage are the Elected Knights, who are then to be proclaimed by the Sheriff, and Indentures being ſeal'd by the Sheriff and the Judges aforeſaid, to be return'd accordingly.

Let theſe Judges of the Poll be one or two of the moſt ſubſtantial Freeholders out of every Hundred, choſen for that purpoſe by the Freeholders of the Hundred, at the Summons of the High Conſtable, to ſome convenient Place in the Hundred, eight or ten days before the Election, and ſworn to be faithful to their Truſt.

To avoid Charge or Trouble, the Court may be adjournd to ſo many Places in the County as may be moſt convenient, provided at the end of every Court the Box be ſeal'd by the Sheriff, and five or ſix of the Judges.

Whereby the Sheriffs miſcarriages in Delays, falſe and double Returns, will be prevented.

The vaſt profuſe and intollerable Expences of Competitors in Elections, avoided.

The undue Impoſitions of Land-Lords and great Men, diſappointed.

The ſhameful Drunkenneſs and unneighbourly Quarrels and Feuds, prevented.

The chargeable and troubleſome Conteſts in Committees of Elections, removed.

And an Obligation laid upon the Gentry to live vertuouſly, to gain the Affections of their Country.

After this way may the Elections in Corporations be regulated, the Right of Election being ſettled by Act of Parliament in the Freemen, paying Scot and Lot.

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